



Paulton Infant School

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Dear Parents/Carers

REPORTS

Your child's report will be coming home today. Please celebrate their successes with them. It has been such a difficult year and the entire staff team have been very impressed by the resilience shown by our children. If you have any questions about your child's report, please contact the school office.

We will send a letter to share your child's new classes next week after they have had their 'meet the new class' session. Unfortunately we have needed to change the plans we had in place, whilst trying to meet the guidance that we need to follow.

SMARTIES CHALLENGE



We have been really proud of how well the children have coped during the pandemic over the last 18 months and the PTA would like to give them a reward whilst combining this with a fund raising effort.

Paulton Schools' PTA would like to provide every child with a tube of smarties as a reward that they can take home to eat to celebrate how hard they have worked and how well they have managed themselves during this really difficult period of time. To support our fundraising, the PTA would then like families to fill the smarties tubes with coins and return these to school by the end of term (Wednesday 21st July). Our local Sainsbury's has very kindly donated all tubes of smarties, so all funds raised will go towards providing resources for the children.

We know both schools are advocates of healthy eating and believe that eating should be a fun and pleasurable experience; no food is a bad food. Whilst sweets are not allowed in school as part of packed lunches, families have the choice to offer sweets as a treat. We hope you agree with the schools and the PTA that your child has definitely earned their smarties and join in with our fundraising.

If your child has any dietary requirements that mean they cannot eat a tube of smarties, please let us know by Monday 12th July so we can provide an alternative.

PSHE/RSE CONSULTATION

Thank you to the families who responded to our relationships and sex education consultation. We had 100% agreement that families are happy with the curriculum that we offer in this area and that that this curriculum fulfils their child's needs. If you need any further information, please read the [RSE policy](#) available

on our website which explains in detail how we approach this curriculum area. This ties in with our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) curriculum

MURAL



Jessica Palmer with the finished mural.

I am delighted with final additions to our new school mural and have thoroughly enjoyed watching it evolve over the last few weeks, especially seeing the children's joy at finding their creations being added. I hope it brings the Paulton community much joy in the coming years.

SPORTS DAY



We have been so lucky to be able to hold both sports days this year as the weather has been perfect each time. The children had a wonderful time and fully engaged with each activity, showing amazing sportsmanship and a wonderful competitive spirit. We have some great javelin throwers at Paulton Infant school — a special mentions to Lydia from Emerald, Edie from Opal and Sophie from Sapphire. They threw the javelin several metres—future Olympians?

CORONAVIRUS



We have experienced a significant increase in staffing disruption over the last two weeks due to requirements to isolate through Track and Trace. This is again adding increased pressures to school and has caused delays to many tasks and activities we had hoped to run. Please bear with us until the end of term; we are all doing our very best. Please see attached a letter from our Trust explaining how we as a school will be operating after 19th July. To maintain consistency for the children, we will **not** be making any changes to the current systems of control, including staggers and bubbles, before the end of term on Wednesday 21st July.

We anticipate school returning to normal in September. This means from **Monday 6th September the school day will run from 8.40 am until 3.00pm for ALL children.** More information to follow.



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PICNIC AND PLAY DAY

On Tuesday 20th June we will be holding a Picnic and Play day with the children. This will be an opportunity to have a fun and relaxed lunchtime having a picnic outside. Before the pandemic, we would have invited all of our families to come into the school grounds to celebrate with us. We would have shared information with you on the importance of Play and how we manage risk with the children during this unstructured time. We would then involve parents and carers in a whole host of play activities with your children to help you further understand what the school playtimes are like. Please do look at the [OPAL page on our school website](#) which talks through the purpose of play and the impact on free chosen activities on children's mental health and well-being.

Unfortunately this year we cannot invite you in but we will still create a fun-packed day for the children. We will all have boxed lunches outside (details for preferences have already been requested) and staff will have the opportunity to join in with the children's chosen play. This will also be an opportunity for me to spend time with all of the children before the last day of term on Wednesday. We are all very much looking forward to this.

Hopefully next year, we can start to involve you in the school day and I know Mrs Omell, our new Headteacher, will be planning a whole host of activities for the coming year.

READING BOOKS

Just a reminder that all reading books will start to be collected in on Monday. Oxford Owls will be available to read on line and EYFS will be sending home reading activities for the last few days.

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

Sadie Miller, one of our wonderful tutors supporting children with additional phonics and reading support, is running a summer 'Story Box Club' for 3-7 year olds. This starts on 30th July.

When : Friday 30th July

Where: Percy Community Centre, new King street, bath

Price: £3.00 per session

Telephone Sadie on: 07951459884 or

Email: storyboxclub@yahoo.com

Sadie has made such a difference to the confidence and engagement of our learners and they have loved their sessions with her. Please see the attached leaflet.

RAFFLE



Mrs Shackleton from Paulton Junior School has once again created the two beautiful hanging baskets outside the school office. We are raffling these off for a £1 per ticker. There will be two lucky winners this year; each will win one of the hanging baskets. Please send your £1 in a named envelope and include your telephone number so that the school office can contact you.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Julie Hogan



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